



**Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 1st, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Bristol Town Office**

Committee Members present: Andrea Cox, Jeff Eilenberg, Patricia Jennings, Benjamin Pendleton and Andrew Poland (Alternate)

Also present: Joseph Rose

Public: None

Absent: Robert Cushing and Jason Lord (Alternate)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Andrea Cox.

New Business -

- Dock Permit for Laskey (Map 006 Lot 076-B)
 - Joseph Rose, CEO, brought to the board a dock permit for Frederick and Donna Laskey. The permit was approved by DEP and Army Core of Engineers on April 27, 2017.

VOTE: Cox made a motion to approve the dock permit; Pendleton seconded; the board voted unanimously to approve the dock permit for Laskey.

Old Business -

- Recreational Marijuana Ordinance Action.
 - Rose spoke regarding the four (4) options MMA believes are available.
 1. Take no action
 2. Ban everything
 3. Place a selective ban with a time limit
 4. Moratorium
 - It is believed the easiest way to approach the topic currently is to place a ban. The ban can be placed for a limited time while plans are put in place. This is verses a moratorium which requires the Town to create a plan (i.e. ordinance) and report every six (6) months. Rose also spoke with MMA in regards to the Comprehensive Plan approved by the Town in July of 2002 but was rejected by the State. MMA stated the Town's Comp Plan would still be legal if the plan did not state "Pending State Approval".
 - February 18th, 2018 is the deadline for the State to regulate recreational marijuana.
 - The board discussed the 4 actions presented.
 - If the Town takes no action an entity could still submit an application.
 - If the Town wants to restrict locations, a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning must be in place. There were 5 conflicts on the States Review of the Comp Plan.

- Discussion on placing a ban was focused on how the wording of the ban would read. It should have specific wording to be structured for number of months and upon finalization of State Laws and Regulations.
 - Another concern for residents would be: noise, odor, light restrictions to abutters which may need to go into the Town's Land Use Ordinance.
- FINAL DECISION: The Planning Board would like to make a final recommendation to the Selectmen of the following:
 - Temporary Ban of any recreational marijuana sales and cultivation activity until the State finalizes laws and regulations with an additional 6 months to take action.
 - Suggestion on wording to allow it to be either more or less than 6 months if the Town needs more or less time to make a plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM. The next meeting is to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Westhaver
Planning Board Secretary

PLANNING BOARD APPROVED: _____